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On: AUGUST EGG PRODUCTION  
UP SLIGHTLY FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . August 2008 egg production in Texas totaled 407 million eggs, up slightly from August 2007 and down slightly from July 2008, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.

The number of layers during August averaged 18.4 million, down 1 percent from last year but up slightly from July 2008. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,215 eggs, up from last year's 2,182 eggs and down 1 percent from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 56.2 million, up 1 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.55 billion eggs during August 2008, down 1 percent from a year ago. Production included 6.45 billion table eggs, 1.04 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 65 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 335 million during August 2008, down 2 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,252 eggs, up 1 percent from August 2007.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 36.3 million, down 2 percent from August 2007. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 800 million, was down 3 percent from August of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 8.03 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during August 2008, up 3 percent from August 2007.